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Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 54/19 B of 15 June 2000, requested the Secretary-General to collect data pertaining to major equipment and self-sustainment from Member States in order for the Secretariat to report to the Assembly in November 2000 on the adequacy of the data, with a view to ascertaining whether the data would be available for holding the meeting of the post-Phase V Working Group in January/February 2001.

2. As at 20 November 2000, the Secretariat had received data from 30 troop contributors: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe.

3. The Secretariat has examined the data received and is of the opinion that it is sufficient for the post-Phase V Working Group to be able to conduct a further analysis. Accordingly, the Secretary-General recommends that the General Assembly convene a post-Phase V Working Group meeting during the period from 15 to 26 January 2001 to conduct a review on the issues itemized in its resolution 54/19 B, as follows:

(a) Validation of methodology for review of major equipment and self-sustainment rates;

(b) Generic reimbursement for special cases;

(c) New categories and sub-categories for major contingent-owned equipment;

(d) Generic reimbursement for painting and repainting of major equipment;

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(e) Policy on inland transportation costs;

(f) Policies on medical support services (including force level/force wide concepts);

(g) Policy on vaccination costs;

(h) Policy on medical equipment threshold;

(i) Maintenance cost for levels I, II, and III medical facilities.

4 In addition, the Fifth Committee, in a draft resolution proposed for adoption by the General Assembly, recommended that the post-Phase V Working Group be requested to consider the current methodology underlying the calculations of standard rates of reimbursement for troop costs, including ways to produce timely and more representative data (see A/55/534).